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## Presidential Search Committee Eager for Campus Community Input

Within weeks of Pres. William E. Kirwan's resignation, Chancellor Langenberg appointed an 18-member committee to conduct a nationwide search to replace Kirwan as head of the university. The search and screening committee now is eager to gain input from all members of the campus community about the essential qualities and qualifications that they consider desirable in the university's next president.

According to committee chair Susan Schwab the input is particularly critical because "considerations of candidate confidentiality will preclude extensive campus community participation in the latter stages of the search process." Schwab, who also is dean of the School of Public Affairs, notes that the committee has scheduled several forums, "so that we may hear directly from members of the community." The forums have been scheduled as follows:

### Undergraduate Students

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 3-4:30 p.m.

Grand Ballroom Lounge, Stamp Student Union

### Members of the Staff

Friday, Feb. 27, 10-11:30 a.m.

Grand Ballroom Lounge, Stamp Student Union

### Department Chairs and Unit Directors

Tuesday, March 3, 3:30-5 p.m.

Room 2111, Stamp Student Union

### Members of the Faculty

Monday, March 9, 2-3:30 p.m.

Grand Ballroom Lounge, Stamp Student Union

### Graduate Students

Wednesday, March 11, 4-5:30 p.m.

Grand Ballroom Lounge, Stamp Student Union

Separate meetings will also be scheduled with university vice presidents and deans. Participation in these forums is highly encouraged. Anyone unable to attend should feel free to contact any member of the search committee with their input at their convenience.

Additional information about the forums can be obtained by calling Sapienza Barone at 405-5790.

The following is the list of committee members, their numbers and e-mail addresses.

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## U.S. News

### University Continues to Advance in Graduate Rankings

Graduate programs at the University of Maryland once again moved up in national stature as measured by the 1998 rankings of graduate schools and programs released last Thursday by *U.S. News and World Report*.

Leading the list of advances was the A. James Clark School of Engineering, which climbed to 13th in the nation from last year's ranking of 18th, and 28th in 1996. In specialty programs the Clark School's aerospace program was rated as 10th nationally.

In the magazine's first-ever ranking of graduate programs in public affairs, the School of Public Affairs was ranked 20th. The school's program in criminal policy was rated eighth, and its environmental policy program ranked 10th.

Both the sociology and economics programs were ranked 24th in the nation, and in the category of industrial/organizational programs in psychology, the university's program was rated fifth. In ratings of speech pathology programs, the department of hearing and speech sciences was ranked 35th in the nation.

The College of Education remained in the Top 25 graduate schools this year, moving to 23rd from its 1997 ranking as 22nd. In related rankings of education specialties, the college's counseling program was rated number four in the nation.

The College of Business and Management was ranked 27th this year in the highly competitive business school category. Last year, Business and Management was 25th.

U.S. News & World Report, which conducts one of the oldest comparative evaluations of higher education institutions, annually releases rankings of graduate programs early in the calendar year as well as ranking of undergraduate programs each fall.

## Students Tailor Their Degrees through Individual Studies Program

Architectural History, gerontology, music management and neurophysiological basis of sport; these are just a sample of the many unique majors produced through the university's Individual Studies Program (IVSP).

IVSP, which consists of approximately 40 students, provides students with the opportunity to design their own majors when their educational goals cannot be met by existing University of Maryland curriculum.

Established in the mid 1970s, the program is offered through the Office of Undergraduate Studies. Most IVSP students create interdisciplinary majors by integrating courses from two or more departments, and take part in non-classroom experiences such as internships and independent study projects.

"The students are just amazing with what they're accomplishing," says Lisa Tenley, coordinator of the Individual Studies Program. "They're the ones going the extra mile."

Before applying to IVSP, students are encouraged to work with Tenley in evaluating their individual goals and candidacy for the program. Once a student obtains an adviser from a relevant academic department and decides to apply

to the program, Tenley and a faculty adviser assist the student in preparing a written study proposal that includes a reason for the particular study, intended courses and career goals. After obtaining the written approval of the adviser and the assistant dean, the student presents the major to the IVSP Faculty Review Committee and answers any questions that they may pose. The committee, which consists of faculty from various departments, determines the value of the individual's curriculum and decides whether to approve the major. In addition, the committee offers suggestions that generally strengthen the proposal, says Tenley.

Other IVSP admission requirements include a minimum of 30 (at least 15 University of Maryland) credits, a plan to complete at least 30 final credits as an IVSP major and a 2.0 minimum GPA. All IVSP majors also

must complete the university's general education requirements (CORE) as well as the following IVSP requirements: IVSP 317, 318 and 420. While the process of creating and declaring an IVSP major can take from a month to a year to finalize, most students are able to do so within two to three months. Nevertheless, Tenley

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## in memoriam

### *Distinguished Economics Professor Mancur Olson Dies of Heart Attack*

Mancur Olson, distinguished professor of economics at the University of Maryland, College Park, died suddenly Thursday after collapsing from a heart attack outside his office in Morrill Hall. He was 66.

Olson is recognized as one of a handful of scholars responsible for changing the field of economics to ensure that politics became an integral part of economic think-



Mancur Olson

ing and policy formation.

He is well known in international circles for his work in providing guidance to more than 30 developing or formerly communist countries seeking to build sustaining economic and democratic institutional structures. As principal investigator for the Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector (IRIS), Olson worked closely with governmental leaders and other decision-makers to help them understand that a country's economic policies and institutions principally determine its economic performance.

Most recently, research and hands-on assistance provided through IRIS has been instrumental in assisting Russia's transition to a market economy and its efforts to develop legal reforms. Other major projects that were under Olson's direction include a study of poverty and market development in Bangladesh and institutional reforms in Mongolia, India, Poland and Egypt.

IRIS was launched under Olson's direction in 1990 with support from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The center has since become recognized as a key resource for providing advisory and implementation assistance to nations in transition around the world.

Olson taught graduate and undergraduate courses in Maryland's department of economics for 29 years and was named distinguished professor of economics in 1979.

Two books authored by Olson, *The Logic of Collective Action* and *The Rise and Decline of Nations*, are considered seminal works in economics and political science and are two of the most widely cited books ever written in these disciplines. They developed the theory explaining how groups and collective action operate and how interest groups can limit a nation's rate of economic growth. Both have been translated into numerous foreign languages.

"We will have Mancur's theories and published works forever," says Peter Murrell, professor of economics and a close colleague of Olson's. "What we will miss is the irrepressible intellectual, playing with theories from all disciplines; a Michael Jordan of the mind, who in debate would demonstrate the force of his ideas with powerful logic while simultaneously revealing his humanity with a smile, a joke and many, many kind words."

A graduate of North Dakota State University, Olson received his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University, and was a Rhodes Scholar at University College, Oxford. He was the recipient of numerous fellowships and scholarly

awards, including an Honorary Fellowship of University College, Oxford.

Prior to joining the University of Maryland faculty, he served as deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and was an assistant professor of economics at Princeton University.

Olson is survived by his wife, Alison; three children, Ellika, Severin and Sander; and a brother, Gaylord Olson.

A family service will be held in Grand Falls, N.D. A memorial service will be held at Memorial Chapel Tuesday, March 10 at 4 p.m. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Mancur

Olson Memorial Fund, c/o Department of Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

### *Mail Services Veteran James Fitzmaurice Dies at 60*

James Fitzmaurice, a 35-year veteran with the Mail Services department, died Feb. 14 of a massive heart attack. He was 60 years old.

Affectionately known as "Chiefie" to his co-workers, Fitzmaurice is remembered as an extremely kind and caring individual. "He always had a kind word. He never said anything bad about anybody," says Juanita Jones, clerk III in Mail Services. "He always said goodnight to everybody."

Matt Greene, postal supervisor, says Fitzmaurice was "a fun guy. He always had funny things to say and was always doing favors for people. He never said 'no.'"

Fitzmaurice also was the man many of his co-workers turned to for on-the-job advice. "You could always ask him about information concerning the job," says Greene, who notes that Fitzmaurice was a dedicated worker who seldom took off a day from work. "He was very dependable and always available," Greene says. Gary Kane, mail processor, describes him as "the first person to go to if you didn't know what you were doing."

Kane also remembers Fitzmaurice as upbeat, and always in a good mood. "He was sharp, real sharp, but he didn't want to draw attention to himself."

His loyalty to Maryland also extended to its Terrapin basketball and football teams. Kane says Fitzmaurice "loved Terps basketball" and gave him a hard time because he was a North Carolina fan.

Fitzmaurice, who lived in Greenbelt with his mother, never married. But family members describe him as a "family man" who took a great interest in his eight nieces and nephews.

In addition to his nieces and nephews, Fitzmaurice is survived by his mother, May Fitzmaurice; his brother Joseph Fitzmaurice; and his sisters, Mary Dorsey and Ann Layne.



James Fitzmaurice

## College Park Senate News

College Park Senate elections for staff representation in the technical-paraprofessional and skilled craft categories have been rescheduled because of a conflict with the voting ballots. The instructions were revised and new ballots were mailed to constituents in these two groups.

A new deadline has been set and all ballots must be received in the Senate office no later than Friday, March 6. The Senate apologizes for the inconvenience and hopes that staff in these two categories will vote again.

The non-exempt staff series for secretarial/clerical elections for representation in the Senate remains unchanged and is still in progress. To date there has been a tremendous response from this constituency for the election of two Senate representatives in the secretarial/clerical category.

Non-exempt staff in the service and maintenance series still has one remaining seat to fill and the Senate is looking for a staff employee in this category to complete a term that will end in the spring of 1999. The Senate has a list of employees in this category to verify any volunteer who might come forward to represent this large category of more than 400 employees. Please contact the Senate office, if you are interested.

The Senate will keep the community informed of the results after the votes are polled.

Any questions regarding Senate elections should be addressed to Marty Vitale, supervisor of elections and senate membership, 405-1243 or e-mail college-park-senate@umail.umd.edu.

For more information about the Senate see the website at <http://www.inform.umd.edu/CampusInfo/Senate>.

### *Dial-A-Correction*

The Baltimore access telephone number listed in the article "Campus Modem Upgrades Deliver Faster Internet Access, Fewer Busy Signals" (Feb. 17 *Outlook*) is incorrect. The correct number is 410-962-8865.

## Outlook

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## Students Tailor Their Degrees through Individual Studies

encourages students to begin the steps as early as possible in their college career. While the university's scope of offerings is vast, many students struggle to positively pave their academic paths. "Students may have terrible freshman and sophomore years," says Tenley, "but when they come to individual studies, many of them just blossom."

Through IVSP, Christina Lagdameo created a multicultural studies major because of her interest in instituting an Asian American studies program at the university. "IVSP has not only been an arena where I can express my academic interests, but where I can actualize my activism as an Asian American," says Lagdameo. "I was able to realize my own goals and not those of my parents, which were to pursue my previous pre-med track."

Tenley praises numerous

aspects of IVSP, but she says the program is always looking for more faculty advisers. While the individual studies office is in charge of handling administrative duties such as maintaining academic records and graduation requirements, advisers are responsible for supervising internships, grading the final thesis, and providing overall guidance and support. "The students are just a joy to work with because they're so self-directed" says Tenley. So, if you're a faculty member and an IVSP student asks you to be their adviser, Tenley strongly encourages you to say 'yes'.

To obtain more information, or to become an adviser, please call Lisa Tenley at 314-9881.

—KELLEY FITZGERALD

## Mady Segal Appointed to Commission on Military Training and Gender Relations

Mady Wechsler Segal, professor of sociology, is one of five persons appointed by the House National Security Committee to the congressionally mandated Commission on Military Training and Gender Related Issues. The commission, authorized in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105-85), is tasked with examining military basic training, gender integration and training effectiveness issues, and reviewing and assessing the laws, regulations and policies that govern relationships between men and women in the military.



The commission is composed of 10 members, five members appointed jointly by the chairman and ranking democrat of the House National Security Committee and five members appointed jointly by the chairman and ranking democrat of the Senate Armed Services Committee. The commission is expected to complete its work in September 1998.

Segal is associate director of the Center for Research on Military Organization and was appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Visitors at the U.S. Military Academy in 1996. Her recent research focuses on military personnel issues, particularly those issues dealing with military women and families. She is currently studying the family impacts of peacekeeping duty for reserve and National Guard soldiers.

In addition to sociology professorship, Segal is a faculty affiliate of the Women's Studies program and the Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland.

She has served as chair the Scientific Advisory Committee for the U.S. Army Research Institute's Army Family Research Program, as a member of the National Academy of Science Committee on the Performance of Military Personnel, and as a consultant to the Army's Senior Review Panel on Sexual Harassment. Currently, she is on the Council of the Inter-University seminar on Armed Forces and Society, the Executive Committee of the Research Committee on Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution of the International Sociological Association, and the Council of the Section on Peace and War of the American Sociological Association.

## Council of University System Staff Meeting Summary for January 1998

The January 1998 Council of University System Staff meeting was held at the University of Maryland Baltimore County on Jan. 27. UMBC president Freeman Hrabowski welcomed the council to campus, and expressed his thanks for the work the council has done for university staff employees. He noted that public higher education in Maryland will get more state funding this year than ever before, and that this increased funding is essential if the System is to grow and improve. He noted that the council plays an important role in the system by letting staff members know what is going on, and carrying staff needs back to the campus and system administrations.

Roy Ross reported on the Regents Finance Committee meeting. He noted that the governor's budget would return the system to the state financing level it was at before budgets were drastically cut in the early 1990s. He also noted that the finance committee supported the COLA, which would give all State employees an across-the-board increase of \$1,275 per year during the next two fiscal years. The COLA will be funded by the State, but the universities will

have to fund the merit increases of 2.5 percent. The COLA will be added to present base salaries. Roy added that the regents support the governor's initiatives and increased budget for higher education.

System human resources director Donald Tynes noted that the new sick leave policy and the chancellor's memo was supposed to be distributed to every staff member throughout the System. However, it appears that this has not yet happened, and Tynes agreed to investigate the problem. He has requested copies of the implementation policy for the new sick leave policy from each HR office. Tynes reminded the council that although the policy applies to the entire system, each campus has the authority to adopt procedures to implement and operate under the new policy.

One problem is that some supervisors and employees have read more into the new policy than was intended. If a supervisor suspects abuse of the policy, the supervisor may require a doctor's slip. The policy no longer requires the employee to furnish a diagnosis from his or her doctor, but requires a prognosis about when the employee may

resume working. Tynes stated that the new policy and implementation procedures will be discussed at the next HR Directors meeting.

House Bill #199-the Workforce Flexibility Act (a.k.a. Early Retirement) will be introduced in the House. Regent Chairman Billingsley, Chancellor Langenberg, Vice Chancellor for Administration Vivona and one institution president will testify. There do not appear to be any problems facing the bill at this time; however, the council will keep a very close watch on the progress of this bill. Assuming the legislation passes, any employee who retires under this bill should not plan to return to state employment. If an employee wishes to return, he or she will have to file a request with the State Board of Public Works, which has declined to approve few requests to date.

The Council discussed the need for improved staff development, and what the various campuses have to offer. The Council Executive Committee is to meet with CUSF (Council of University System Faculty) to discuss the issue of staff development, and whether the faculty thinks staff development would be beneficial. The

Chancellor has indicated his support, and has stated that opportunities for staff training should be systemwide. Staff development could also include distance education. The Council will continue to work on this issue, and would like to have a plan in place that is system-wide. This is not an issue that needs to be re-invented, but the council and System employees need to connect with what is already offered.

There is a need to bring in supervisors and managers to show them that staff development can make a positive difference and improve the quality of work, and to convince them that staff should be given release time for educational and skills development.

The council voted to formally support the governor's budget initiative for higher education, by writing letters and contact individual members of the General Assembly to lobby for the initiative.

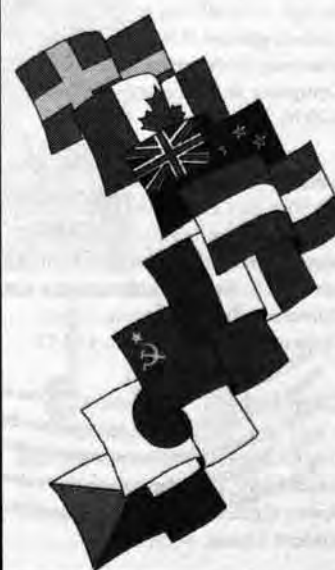
The next meeting takes place on Feb. 24 at System Headquarters in Adelphi.

## Dorchester Cultural Explosion Auditions

Dorchester International House is holding open auditions for the Seventh Annual Cultural Explosion which will be held April 6th.

Cultural Explosion is an international talent extravaganza that celebrates our campus and community diversity. The International House invites any interested faculty, staff, students, and members of the community to audition for the show on March 2, 4 and 5. Please call 314-5473 to schedule a time.

Any performance is welcome: Dance, sing, model native costume, play music, recite poetry, do a skit.





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## 24 February

### Training & Development Seminar

9 a.m.-noon. "Americans with Disabilities Act." This class provides an update on ADA and its implications for serving individuals with disabilities on campus. Learn accommodation requirements from both the academic and employment perspective. 1101U Chesapeake Bldg. 5-5651.

1:30-4:30 p.m. "Writing PRD Expectations: A Workshop for Supervisors and Employees." One-on-one assistance with participants to develop expectations that focus on their specific position and support the unit and department goals and objectives. 1101U Chesapeake Bldg. 5-5651.

### Library Learning

1-2 p.m. Lost in the Library? A class for new library users and transfer students that highlights getting to the libraries, finding your way around and using library materials. 4137 McKeldin Library. 5-9254.

2-3:30 p.m. When is Your Paper due? A class for the student preparing to research and write a substantial paper, report or proposal in the social sciences. The class is offered in three disciplines: Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences and Science & Technology. 4M100G McKeldin Library. 5-9254.

### Lecture

4 p.m. Department of Physics: "The Superworld," with Nathan Seiberg, Professor of Physics, Rutgers University, 1410 Physics Building. 5-5945.

### Computer Training

6-9 p.m. "Windows 95." Introduces the world's most popular operating system and how to use its desktop and file management system. Tasks covered include understanding desktop components, finding files, changing filenames, copying and moving files and more. Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2940/2945.\*

6-9 p.m. Internet Technologies: This popular and revised class teaches patrons useful skills in how to transfer documents between your personal computer and remote computer using FTP, all about reading and participation in public newsgroups, subscribing to private discussion groups (Listserv's) and attaching documents to e-mail. 3332 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2940/2945.\*

### Learn CPR

6-9:30 p.m. CPR Class: Learn adult CPR and Heimlich maneuver techniques. Must register and pay in advance in Room 2118 of the University Health Center. 3100E University Health Center. 4-8132.\*

### Concert

8 p.m. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble plays the works of Husa, Sousa, Mahr, Tull, Grainger and Tower. Grand Ballroom, Stamp Student Union. 5-5542.

## 25 February

### Lectures

Noon-1 p.m. MCB Spring 1998 Lecture Series: "Fungae as a Resource of Genes for Biotechnology," with Raymond St. Leger of Entomology. 1208 Zoo-Psych Bldg. 5-8422.

3 p.m. Department of Meteorology: "Bulk Theory of Air Mass Flow Along a High Mountain Ridge," with Lev Gutman, Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research, Ben Gurion University, Israel. Meteorology conference room, Computer & Space Sciences Bldg.

### Library Learning

1-2:30 p.m. Tangled in the Web? An introduction to using the Web effectively, including how to critically evaluate Web sites, as well as highlights of the Libraries' Web resources. 4M100E McKeldin Library. 5-9254.

3-4:30 p.m. Where do I Start? A class that introduces the basics of finding books and other library materials in VICTOR, the online catalog, and finding journal articles in journal indexes. 3203 Hornbake Library. 5-9254.

### Computer Training

6-9 p.m. "Basic Training." Join the Information revolution: Want to learn how to use your e-mail? Surf the Web? This course teaches you how to do both using "Pine" and "Netscape" which are the most popular programs in use today. Learn how to read, store, send mail, decipher an e-mail address and more. Also learn how to navigate the World Wide Web with ease, understand URL's, book-marking, efficiency tips and more. 3332 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2940/2945.\*

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## 26 February

### Give Blood

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Blood Drive: sponsored by the Student Health Advisory Committee and the Washington Hospital Center. Save time by registering in advance by calling Joanne Kinder at 4-8103. Tortuga Room, Stamp Student Union. 4-8101.

### Library Learning

10:30 a.m.-noon. When is your Paper Due? A class for the student preparing to research and write a substantial paper, report or proposal in the arts and humanities. The class is offered in three disciplines: Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, and Science & Technology. 4M100G McKeldin Library. 5-9254.

1-2:30 p.m. When is your Paper Due? A class for the student preparing to research and write a substantial paper, report or proposal in science

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Tapestry Brings New Vocal Textures to Music



Telarc recording artist Tapestry, directed by Laurie Monahan, celebrates the 900th anniversary of the birth of Hildegard von Bingen and Women's History Month in Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Fine Arts Building, on Sunday, March 1 at 3 p.m. The concert features the music of von Bingen and Cathedral of Notre Dame from the 1997 Tapestry compact disc *Celestial Light*, plus a new work by Patricia Van Ness. A pre-concert seminar takes place at 1:30 p.m. (separate admission).

Founded in 1994, the women of Tapestry collaborated from diverse backgrounds to bring new vocal textures to medieval and contemporary music. Director Monahan, a founding member of Ensemble Project Arts Nova, taught and performed early music for over 20 years and is responsible for collaborating the seminal recordings for von Bingen's music. Cristi Catt infuses theatrical narration and movement in the ensemble's stage presentation. Sandra Morales-Ramirez integrates Latin dancing and percussion while Daniela Tosic applies a rich Slavic vocal tradition to the vocals. Tapestry emerged through its distinctive experiments with vocal color and movement, exploring the acoustical possibilities of performance spaces. The Boston Globe hailed the ensemble as "stunning... ethereally floating and technically spot-on singing." Tapestry's Telarc recordings include *Celestial Light*, *Song of Songs* and a guest appearance on Ensemble P.A.N.'s *Angeli Music of Angels*.

Tickets for Tapestry are \$22 (\$9.50 for full time students with ID and children over seven; 10 percent discount for university faculty, staff and Alumni Association members; \$2.50 discount for senior citizens.)

For more information, call 403-4240.

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3-4 p.m. Lost in the library? A class for new library users and transfer students that highlights getting to the libraries, finding your way around, and using library materials. 4137 McKeldin Library. 5-9254.

### Lectures

3:30 p.m. Department of Meteorology: "Application of Satellite Microwave Radiometers for Measuring Surface and Precipitation Parameters," with Norman Grody, Hydrology Team, NOAA/NESDIS. 2324 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg.

4 p.m. "Hollywood and the Slave Trade, The Amistad Incident," sponsored by The History Undergraduate Association. 1117 Francis Scott Key Hall.

### Training & Development Seminar

1-4 p.m. "Grammar 101-Relieving Tension." Verb and the English tense system will be thoroughly discussed. Course includes exercises and tips on how to make office writing clearer by making it more verb centered. 1101U Chesapeake Bldg. 5-5651.

### Computer Training

4-7 p.m. "Introduction to HTML" What? No web page? Don't know how? Empower yourself. This course covers skills needed to create and setup a Web page in HTML. Basics of

how the web addresses (URL's) and what they denote plus formatting elements such as headers, fonts, anchor hyperlinks, ordered and unordered lists will be covered. Insertion of static graphics images and the set up of graphics as "clickable" hyperlinks will also be covered. 4404 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2940/2945.\*

### Reception

6-8 p.m. Student Involvement Reception The Office of Campus Programs, Grand Ballroom Lounge, Stamp Student Union. 4-7174.

### Learn CPR

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### Lecture

11:00 a.m. Department of Computer Science: Joseph Konstan Project. "Personal Collaborative Filtering for the Internet. The GroupLens Research Project." 1112 A.V. Williams. 5-2764

2 p.m. Department of Computer Science: "D'Agents," with George Cybenko, Dartmouth College. 3258 A.V. Williams. 5-6761.

## 28 February

### Concert

7:30-9 p.m. "The Blues Is a Feelin'" Djimo Jouyate and his ensemble will be joined by composer/bassist Robert Gibson, recorder player Scott Reiss and other university talents for musical improvisation. Storyteller Alice McGill traces the African roots of the blues with live blues music performed by the Delta connection. A ticket for the evening performance includes admission to a workshop on improvisation from 10-11:30 a.m. and storytelling performance for children ages 8 to 12 from 2-3 p.m. Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Fine Arts Bldg. 403-4240.

## 27 February

### Library Learning

10:30 a.m.-noon. When is your Paper due? A class for the student preparing to research and write a substantial paper, report or proposal in the social sciences. The class is offered in three disciplines: Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, and Science & Technology. 4M100G McKeldin Library. 5-9254.

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Where do I Start?



# 1 March

## Computer Training

1-4 p.m. "Advanced HTML." A concept and feature packed lesson: use "frames" as a design elements in web pages, spruce up that page by creating animated graphics right on your page, learn how to use a graphic as jumping off point to the rest of your pages or the WWW using "ImageMaps" and more. Computer & Space Sciences Bldg.

## Concert

3-4:30 p.m. "Tapestry." Telarc recording artists, directed by Laurie Monahan, join in an a capella quartet to perform sacred music by Hildegard von Bingen. Works from the Cathedral of Notre Dame and a contemporary, Medieval-influenced composition by Patricia Van Ness. Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Fine Arts Bldg. 403-4240.\*

# 2 March

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## Lectures

2 p.m. "Algorithms for the Design of Hybrid Control Systems," with S. Shankar Sastry, University of California, Berkeley. 2460 A.V. Williams. 5-6761.

4 p.m. Distinguished Lecture Series: "The Quest for Superunification," with Edward Witten, professor, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. 1410 Physics Building. 5-5945.

4-5 p.m. Department of Astronomy: "The Structure of Galaxy Clusters in a CDM Universe," with Thomas Quinn, University of Washington. 2428 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg.

## Computer Training

6-9 p.m. "Introduction to Unix." Discusses the Unix operating system which in its concept and use is the basis of all operating systems today. Discussed are the anatomy of typical Unix commands, the file system, listing files, making directories, creating copies of files, renaming files, aliasing commands, processes and jobs and more. This course will also feature "Pico", an easy and fundamental text editor. Computer & Space Sciences.

# 3 March

## Training & Development Seminar

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People." This three-day program is offered March 4, 11 and 18. The Stephen Covey program reveals a pathway for living with fairness, integrity, honesty and human dignity while providing the security to adapt to change. A holistic, integrated, principle-centered approach for solving personal and professional problems will be offered on campus by certified facilitators. Van Munching Hall. 5-5651.\*

## Lecture

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. "The Role of the USDA Partnership in International Development and Education," with Miley Gonzalez, Under Secretary for Research, Education & Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Luncheon/Seminar. Atrium, Stamp Student Union. 5-2072.

4 p.m. Physics Department: "Fluctuations in Materials Science," with Ellen D. Williams, Professor of Physics; and Director, Materials Research Science and Engineering Center, University of Maryland. 1410 Physics Building. 5-5945.

## Library Learning

1-2:30 p.m. Tangled in the Web? An introduction to using the Web effectively, including how to critically evaluate Web sites, as well as highlights of the Libraries' Web resources. 4M100E McKeldin Library. 5-9254.

4-5:30 p.m. Where do I start? A class that introduces the basics of finding books and other library materials in VICTOR, the online catalog, and finding journal articles in journal indexes. 3203 Hornbake Library. 5-9254.

## Learn CPR

6-9:30 p.m. CPR Class: Learn adult CPR and Heimlich maneuver techniques. Must register and pay in advance in Room 2118 of the University Health Center, 3100E University Health Center. 4-8132.\*

# 4 March

## Library Learning

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. When is your Paper Due? A class for the student preparing to research and write a substantial paper, report or proposal in the social sciences. The class is offered in three disciplines: Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, and Science & Technology. 4M100G McKeldin Library. 5-9254.

3-4 p.m. Lost in the Library? A class for new library users and transfer students that highlights getting to the libraries, finding your way around and using library materials. 4137 McKeldin Library. 5-9254

4:30-6 p.m. When is your Paper Due? A class for the student preparing to research and write a substantial

paper, report or proposal in the arts and humanities. The class is offered in three disciplines: Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, and Science & Technology. 4M100G McKeldin Library. 5-9254.

## Computer Training

6-9 p.m. "Intermediate Microsoft Excel." Continues learning important skills in creating 2D and 3D charts, sheet grouping and data manipulation, block naming, customizing sheet labels, macros and more. Preferred Prerequisite: Intro. to Excel or equivalent experience. 4404 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2940/2945.\*

## A Night of Poetry

7-8 p.m. Poetry Reading by Tom Sleight & Alan Shapiro. Sponsored by Writers Here & Now. Graduate Reserves Room, McKeldin Library.

# 5 March

## Training & Development Seminar

9 a.m.-2 p.m. "Employee Relations & the Supervisor." Provides a practical approach for creating the foundation in this environment. Participants will also develop the skills and strategies needed to solve problems frequently when confronting the supervisor. 1101U Chesapeake Bldg. 5-5651

## Library Learning

1:30-3 p.m. Where do I Start? A class that introduces the basics of finding books and other library materials in VICTOR, the online catalog, and finding journal articles in journal indexes. 3203 Hornbake Library. 5-9254.

3-4:30 p.m. When is your Paper Due? A class for the student preparing to research and write a substantial paper, report or proposal in science and technology. The class is offered in three disciplines: Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences and Science & Technology. 4M100G McKeldin Library. 5-9254.

## Lecture

3:30 p.m. Department of Meteorology: "Hurricanes in Weather Forecasts and in the Simulated Warm Climate," with Yoshio Kurihara, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Lab./NOAA, Princeton. 2324 Computer & Space Sciences.

## University Theatre

8 p.m. "Dancing at Lughnasa," by Brian Friel. 1992 Tony Award Winner for Best Play. A heartfelt story about family, perseverance and the human spirit. Tawes Theatre. 5-2201.\*

## Calendar Guide

Calendar phone numbers listed as 4-xxxx or 5-xxxx stand for the prefix 314- or 405-. Events are free and open to the public unless noted by an asterisk (\*).

All calendar information for Outlook is downloaded directly from Inform's master calendar, located on the Internet at [www.inform.umd.edu](http://www.inform.umd.edu).

Submissions to inform can be made by e-mail to: [calendar@umail.umd.edu](mailto:calendar@umail.umd.edu). To reach the inform calendar editors by phone, call 405-0825.



## Here Comes the Bride...

You were just handed a tiny box. Butterflies are flying. Suddenly you can see the most extraordinary ring and are speechless. After you answer yes to the big question, you're now ready to plan the most important day of your dreams. You are getting married.

The University of Maryland Bridal Showcase at the Stamp Student Union on March 7 will help you coordinate all the details. More than 85 local experts in the wedding industry will be in attendance to assist you and answer all your questions. This is truly the one place you will want to begin your planning.

The show offers personalized one-to-one service. The Student Union Grand Ballroom gives easy flow to vendors so that brides will have time to talk with each vendor without those huge crowds.

The showcase runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Stamp Student Union.

Premier Bride will register the brides and distribute complimentary copies of their publication. Upon walking in the ballroom, dozens of exhibitors will be on hand to answer all of your concerns such as questions about florists, photographers, hotels, consultants, travel agencies, wedding invitations and gift registry. Cake and chocolate samples also will be available. Door prizes will be given throughout the day, including a grand prize of airline tickets.

The highlight of the event is the fashion show presented by David's Bridal and Mitchell's Formal Wear.

Tickets for the showcase are \$5 in advance and can be obtained at TicketMaster outlets or by calling the university ticket office at 314-8587. Tickets at the door are \$7. For more information about the show, call Randi Dutch at 314-8012.



## A Night of Music for Scholarships

The Artist Scholarship Benefit Series presents Daniel Helfetz & Company's "Your Favorite Chamber Music" on Friday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. in Ulrich Recital Hall.

The concert features Brahms' Piano Quartet and Mendelssohn's Octet.

Tickets for the concert are \$16, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for students. For more information, call 405-1150 or e-mail to [concerts@deans.umd.edu](mailto:concerts@deans.umd.edu).



Daniel Helfetz





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**Jordan Goodman** and **Andris Skuja** have been appointed Fellows of the American Physical Society. Goodman's appointment was the result of "many important contributions to the ground-based studies of high-energy cosmic rays and gamma rays, in particular, the development and utilization of extensive air-shower detectors." Skuja's was due to "his leadership role in designing and developing complex particle physics experiments, especially the recent work on collider experiments, including the Compact Muon Solenoid Collaboration at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN [European Center for Nuclear Research, Geneva, Switzerland]."

**Robert Kolker**, professor of English, has edited a special cinema studies edition of the John Hopkins University Press journal, *Postmodern Culture*. While ranging through a variety of current issues in the field of cinema studies, the issue is driven by the question of how digital and networked technologies change the ways in which humanities research is created and presented. *Postmodern Culture* is available only online at: <http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu/pmc/current.issue>

**John Layman** will be honored with the Melba Newell Phillips Award by the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) at its Summer Meeting in Lincoln, Neb., in August. This award "is given only occasionally to AAPT leaders who display a truly unique life of creative leadership, dedicated service, and exceptional contributions."

**William Patterson**, associate professor of theatre management, will work with Acoustiguide and the Metropolitan Washington Ear to script an audio description cassette tour for exhibition visitors who are blind or have low vision at the Mashantucket Pequot Indian tribe's new indoor/outdoor museum and visitors center in Connecticut.

**Edward (Joe) Redish** has been awarded the AAPT's Robert A. Millikan Medal. This award "recognizes teachers who have made notable and creative contributions to the teaching of physics." He, too, will receive the award at the AAPT's Summer Meeting in August.

In addition, Redish has been selected by the President of the American Physical Society as an APS Centennial Speaker. In this capacity, he is one of 200 outstanding lecturers nationwide who have agreed to give physics lectures of a general nature at colleges and universities throughout the United States. His selection was the result of nominations by his colleagues.

**Scot Reese**, assistant professor of directing and African-American theatre is directing Derek Walcott's "Pantomime," which opens March 16 at Round House Theatre.

**Catherine Schuler**, associate professor of theatre history/criticism, served as an adjudicator for the Women in Slavic Studies Committee at a recent conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. She officially received the Hewitt Prize for Best Book in Theatre History at a recent conference of the American Society for Theatre Research, where she organized and chaired the seminar, "Doing Feminist Research in a Hostile Environment."

Two agreements of cooperation have been signed by **Ellen Williams**, director of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center. One is with the Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research of Osaka University. The other is with the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan, and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Both agreements call for the development of joint projects in areas of mutual interest.

## Resource Center is Devoted Exclusively to Cyberculture Studies

Everything you've ever wanted to know about cyberculture is just a web page away. By logging on to <http://otal.umd.edu/~rccs>, you'll find a wealth of resources at the click of a mouse.

Established last January, the Resource Center for Cyberculture Studies (RCCS) is the first international, non-profit organization devoted exclusively to the study of cyberculture. Founded by graduate student David Silver and run through the department of American studies, the purpose of the RCCS is to study, teach and support discussion about cyberculture or online communication.

The RCCS is collaborative in nature and seeks to foster a community of students, researchers, explorers and builders of cyberculture, and to showcase various models, works-in-progress and online projects.

"While most scholarship in the field tends to analyze cyberculture from a distance, RCCS is deeply involved with cyberculture, exploring it, critiquing it, creating it," Silver says. "What is especially unique about RCCS is its critical tone. Somewhere between cyber-hyper and cyber-griper, RCCS seeks to understand cyberculture rather than simply celebrate or dismiss it."

With an advisory board of academics, policy makers, computer programmers and information technology professionals, RCCS brings a diverse interdisciplinary focus to cyberculture studies. RCCS contains links to more than 100 online syllabi for university-level courses in cyberculture, a broad list of cyberculture-related events and conferences, and a collection of online interviews with select digerati.

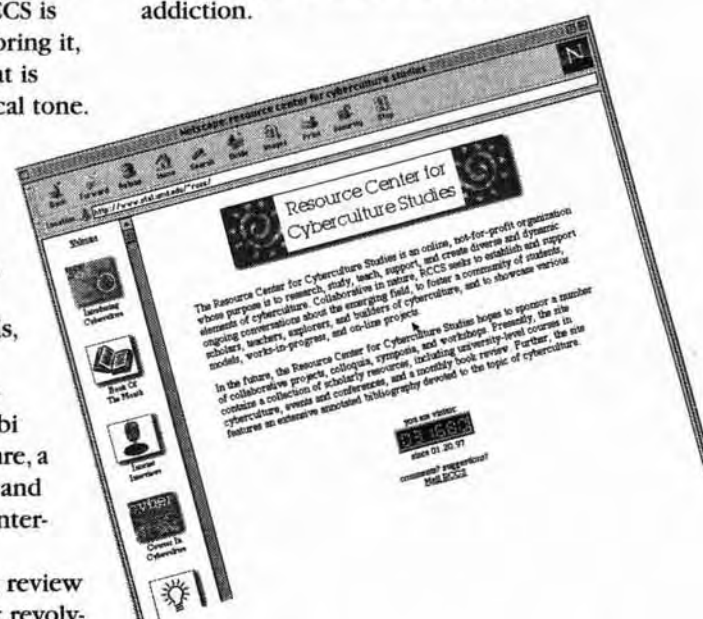
The site also features a monthly book review and an extensive annotated bibliography revolving primarily around the topics of virtual com-

munities, virtual identities and community networks.

"A year ago," says Silver, "not much cyberculture research was taking place. You'd see a book here and there, but there was no central online presence for students, researchers and instructors to go to learn about cyberculture. So I decided to start one and see what happens."

In its first year of existence, RCCS has welcomed more than 30,000 visitors from around the world. The resource center also has received numerous awards including "site of the week" by Scientific American and "site of the day" by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *USA Today*.

RCCS provides journalists with a listing of speakers who can offer scholarly expertise on cyberculture, virtual communities, digital media/film, race and gender on the Internet, cybersex, cults online and Internet addiction.



## Libraries Contract for Organizational Security Study

A unique initiative designed to enhance the security of the University of Maryland College Park Libraries has been announced by Charles Lowry, dean of Libraries. In cooperation with the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), a not-for-profit membership organization comprising 121 libraries of North American research institutions, the Libraries recently contracted with George P. Morse & Associates, an experienced loss prevention management consulting firm, to conduct an organizational security study.

The study, which will be completed by March 31, will involve many of the Libraries' system managers and staff and other University of Maryland organizations, such as the University of Maryland Police Department.

This review will address security in its broadest sense, including such management issues as appropriate organization, operational responsibilities, policies and procedures, threat analysis capabilities evaluation, and program development. It will also include systems and procedures for personnel and property protection, inventory protection and control, behavior control, access control, electronic monitoring, computer security, and fire protection and safety.

In announcing the study, Lowry noted that "libraries are systems and need to organize all their functions with that important fact in mind. In particular, it is not possible to build a robust and effective security program without thinking about how it integrates with all other library operations."

"Among the most important elements in such

a program has to be that every single member of the staff see security as their responsibility. We believe that the systematic approach we are developing with Morse Associates and ARL will have the staff training and awareness as a key element within the total library security program and that this will be a valuable asset for success," Dean Lowry continued.

The study will assist with education, training and communications and will include, within a planned approach, recommendations that can be implemented over a period of time, enabling the Libraries to budget for and manage a Total Protection Program to meet their needs.

The Libraries' security study is the first important step of an ARL-planned approach that will afford directors of academic and research libraries the opportunity to develop security systems that respond to their local situations through review and improvement of their security programs. Using the guidance and experience of Morse & Associates, the study, coupled with its recommendations, will assist academic and research library directors to fulfill their role as stewards of their collections, ensuring that the collective knowledge represented in their libraries is safeguarded for future generations of faculty, scholars and students.

Lori Goetsch, associate director for public services, and Gary Kraske, associate director for administrative services, serve as the Libraries' primary contacts with Robert Morse II, associate director of Morse & Associates, and Glen Zimmerman, an ARL senior program officer.



## View the Noon Moon

A partial solar eclipse will begin at 12:22 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26. The eclipse will reach its maximum at 1:14 p.m. and will end at 2:05 p.m. Total obscuration will be about 22 percent. For your viewing pleasure, the astronomy department will have several telescopes set up on McKeldin Mall at the sundial location from 12:20 p.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting.

To allow safe viewing of the eclipse, two telescopes will be used as projection devices that will project the image of the sun onto a screen. A third telescope will be set up with a filter allowing for direct viewing of the solar image. Some eclipse glasses also will be available. They have aluminized mylar coatings and permit the viewer to look directly at the sun. CAUTION: The eclipse should not be observed with the naked eye or even with sunglasses on.

The astronomy department also will operate a heliostat at the Computer and Space Sciences Building. The solar image will be displayed on a monitor in the first floor lobby of the building.

For additional information call 405-3001.

## Not Stringing You Along Witten Talks Superstring and the Quest for Superunification

*Life* magazine calls him the sixth most influential Baby Boomer and physicists speak his name in awed tones. Ed Witten (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton) discusses "The Quest for Superunification" on Monday, March 2, as guest speaker in the Graduate School Distinguished Lecturer Series. His 4 p.m. talk takes place in the Physics Lecture Hall (Room 1412) at 4 p.m.



Ed Witten

Witten is a world leader in theoretical research on superstrings. Superstring theories provide a framework in which the force of gravity may be united with the other three forces in nature: the weak, electromagnetic and strong forces. Recent progress has shown that the most promising superstring theories follow from a single theory. For the last generation, physicists have studied five string theories and

one close cousin. Recently it has become clear that these five or six theories are different limiting cases of one theory which, though still scarcely understood, is the candidate for superunification of the forces of nature.

Witten has held a MacArthur Fellowship, and he has won several prestigious prizes (the Einstein Prize,

the Dirac Medal, the Fields Medal, the Dannie Heineman Prize) and various honorary degrees. He is the author of hundreds of scientific articles.

For an introduction to some of these ideas, see Michael Duff's article, "The Theory Formerly Known as Strings," in the February 1998 issue of *Scientific American*. Better yet, come to the lecture.

## Presidential Search Committee Eager to Hear Campus Community Input

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## Maryland Spotlight

### Joel Smith: Guiding the Path for OMSE Students' Academic Success

Always determined to have a career helping others, when Joel Smith entered the University of Maryland in the late '60s, his sights were set on a future in medicine. That is until a scalpel, a dead animal and a dissection project skewed his plans a bit.

"I then thought I'd be better at helping people with social and emotional concerns, rather than with a scalpel," says Smith, the academic coordinator in the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education (OMSE) since 1986.

Whether he's giving out words of advice or assisting in academic concerns, Smith, an employee at the university since 1971, has helped hundreds of students who have passed through the doors of OMSE. Smith's primary duties as academic coordinator include supervising and managing the overall operation of the tutorial service operation, advising students and a variety of pre-professional student organization.

Smith says that OMSE's tutorial service provides assistance for multi-ethnic students who need aid in passing a class or want that extra help in a subject to boost their grade.

The OMSE student tutors are a mix of graduates and undergraduates, and it's the students who Smith says contribute to the program's overwhelming success. "I think it's the magic of the tutors," he says. "We have a very talent-

ed bunch of students that come from all over the globe."

Throughout his career at the university, Smith has worked to provide the best atmosphere possible for his students. Before coming to OMSE, Smith served in the office of resident development/housing (before there was a Resident Life department) where he also worked with students.

Having earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Maryland, Smith says he can relate to the students and their plight in being a multi-ethnic student at a predominately white university. He says the biggest challenge that students face today is the need to balance work and school. "It's a tremendous load," he says. "I've seen so many students look as though they are sleepwalking. I don't know how they do it."

Smith says one of the most rewarding benefits for him is to attend commencement ceremonies in the fall and spring. "You know how you get lumps in your throat and they're two kinds: the sad kind and the happy kind. I get

that when I see my students walk across the stage."

"The impact that he's had on the students' lives is incredible," says Irene Zoppi, coordinator of OMSE's evening programs and marketing.

Whether it's as a role model, an adviser or just a friend, Smith says he hopes to influence students in a posi-

tive way.

"If nothing else, I encourage students to believe in themselves," Smith says. "So often students come in feeling discouraged. I want them to believe that they can succeed. If they do that, they can succeed."

—LONDA SCOTT



Above, OMSE academic coordinator Joel Smith (seated second from the right) surrounded by student tutors Ning Yang, Mai Tran, Aisha Caruth and Achu Nyindem.

#### Bring your own lunch

Join faculty colleagues for the first in a series of brown bag lunchtime discussions of service-learning Tuesday, Feb. 24, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Maryland Room of Marie Mount Hall.

The luncheon will focus on the integration of community service into courses and the enhancement of student learning through service. National, local and campus resources will be available. For more information concerning the discussion or service-learning, contact Marie Troppe at 314-5387.

#### Pot Luck Celebration

In celebration of Women of Color Week and Women's History Month, the Committee for Women of Color and guests, will hold a Potluck Lunch Monday, March 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Maryland Room of Marie Mount Hall.

The lunch gives women the opportunity to share a favorite dish, representative of their culture, as well as share a story, music, poetry or art that reflects their heritage. The program also will include ethnic dishes.

For more information and

to select your ethnic dish, call 405-3830.

#### Be a Hero — Donate Blood

The Student Health Advisory Committee is sponsoring a blood drive on Feb. 26 in the Tortuga Room of Stamp Student Union from

10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The donation process takes about 45 minutes. To save time, register in advance by calling Joanne Kinder at 314-8103.

#### Conference Services Showcase

Conference and Visitor Services

invites all faculty and staff who plan meetings and conferences to attend a Conference and Meeting Showcase on Friday, Feb. 27 from 1-4 p.m. in the Stamp Student Union Colony Ballroom.

The Showcase features university departments and local businesses that provide services to people who plan conferences, events and meetings. Services invited to display at the showcase include conference planning and registration, catering and food, travel and transportation, conference facilities and hotels and printing and photography.

Refreshments will be provided and valuable door prizes will be awarded (must attend to be eligible). The showcase is free to attendees and university exhibitors.

For more information, call 314-7884.

### Agriculture Alumni Reunion Scheduled, Two Honorary Members to be Recognized

The 31st annual College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni Reunion and Awards Program will be held at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center on April 7 beginning at 6 p.m. with a social hour and silent auction. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. During this evening of fellowship, celebration and recognition, awards of excellence for instruction, extension and research will be presented. Outstanding graduating students also will be recognized.

Over the 30 years that the alumni chapter has been holding reunions, three individuals have become honorary members for their contributions to the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Two additional names will be added to the list at the 1998 reunion.

Craig Oliver, of Berlin, recently retired faculty member at the University of Maryland will become an honorary agriculture and natural resources alumnus. The honor is in recognition of his outstanding and distinguished service to the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources as director of the Cooperative Extension Service, interim director of the Maryland Experiment Station, interim dean of the College, professor of horticulture, and assistant provost for academic affairs during his tenure at the University of Maryland.

Samuel Riggs IV, of Olney, who graduated from the university in 1950 with a degree in business also will become an honorary member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni Chapter in recognition of his outstanding lifelong commitment, contributions and distinguished service to the agricultural community at the local, state and national level, as well as his leadership in the business and university communities.

All alumni and friends of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources are welcome to attend. Reservations are due by March 16. Cost is \$24 (\$12 for students). Please contact Gail Yeiser, assistant to the dean for alumni relations, at 301-405-2434, fax: 301-314-9146 or email: gy6@umail for further reservation information.

FOR YOUR INTEREST